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Penalty Increase for Speeding in Residential Zones in the City of Falls Church

FALLS CHURCH, VA – Effective July 1, 2004 in the City of Falls Church, Virginia, traveling in excess of the posted speed limit in a residential district is unlawful and constitutes a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of \$200. The \$200 fine is in addition to fines of \$7 per mile per hour over the posted speed limit plus processing fees of \$56. No portion of the fine shall be suspended unless the court orders 20 hours of community service.

Falls Church City Council adopted this change to Section 20-17 of the City Code on June 28, 2004, in accordance with an amendment to Section 46.2-878.2 of the Code of Virginia.

Since July 1, 2000, speed limit signs in residential areas in the City of Falls Church have displayed a \$100 civil penalty for speeding 15 miles per hour in excess of the limit. The change in state law supersedes this provision in City Code and does not require the speed to be above 15 miles per hour in excess of the limit. The City is currently in the process of updating signage throughout the City.

For more information, please contact the City of Falls Church Clerk of the Court at 703-248-5096.

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